

Timing

Assessment of subscription e-resources should be conducted well in advance of actual renewal dates. But these dates are typically buried in acquisitions modules. How are librarians to discover these dates, keep track of them, and obtain a larger overview of renewal cycles?

Programming

At Columbia University Libraries, we have constructed a program that feeds acquisitions data directly from our library management system into our shared Google Calendar. For each fund code that is used for recurring e-resource expenditures, a calendar is generated. In that calendar, each payment is represented as an event. Each payment event generates two subsequent notices, the first timed five months prior to the next renewal, and the second timed three months prior to the next renewal. To the right is a calendar view showing three e-funds: **History and Humanities**, **Social Sciences**, and **Sciences**.

Promoting

The e-fund calendars have been demonstrated to meetings of subject selectors and library division directors. They are designed to help selectors keep track of *when* they might want to begin assessment of a given subscription e-resource. The *how* of assessment requires consideration of usage data and other factors.

This poster session, including a link to the Python coding for this project, is accessible at: <http://hdl.handle.net/10022/AC:P:9978>
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E-Resource Renewal Awareness: Using Google Calendar to Bring Selectors on Board

Today ◀ ▶ December 2010							Print	Refresh	Day	Week	Month	4 Days	Agenda
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat							
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		renew American jou			renew House of Cor								
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Agenda view by date

Wed Dec 8, 2010	All day	renew Waterloo directory of English newsp 05/10/2011
	All day	renew SimplyMap by 05/10/2011
Thu Dec 9, 2010	All day	CQ.com

Agenda view by resource

Thu May 13, 2010	All day	HAPI online
Sat Dec 11, 2010	All day	renew HAPI online by 05/13/2011
Fri Feb 11, 2011	All day	renew HAPI online by 05/13/2011

Three types of notices

Expenditure notices always begin with name of resource. **Reminder** notices always begin with the word "renew." Key acquisitions data is included in all notices.

1. Expenditure

ARTFL American research on the treasury of the French language. \$### Fri, December 10, 2010, 12am – 12am
Calendar 2462E
Created by_backup@apps.cul.columbia.edu
Description 2462E 1ACG1460 20101210 ARTFL American research on the treasury of the French language. 1 Chicago, IL expenditure \$### ARTFL 2011-41 ags1 ARTFLPROJ USD \$### CUL 11 ARTFL PROJECT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO January 2011

2. Five-Month Reminder

Occurs five months before resource is due for renewal.

renew AnthroSource \$### by 05/26/2011
Fri, December 24, 2010, 12am – 12am
Calendar 2463E
Created by_backup@apps.cul.columbia.edu
Description (five months reminder) 2463E SAS99593 201005 AnthroSource 1 Berkeley, Calif. : cau expenditure \$### 00764 ags1 EBS09 USD \$### CUL 10

3. Three-Month Reminder

Occurs three months before resource is due for renewal.

renew Berkeley electronic press bepress: the new standard in scholarly publishing. \$### by 03/31/2011
Thu, December 30, 2010, 12am – 12am
Calendar 2463E
Created by_backup@apps.cul.columbia.edu
Description (three months reminder) 2463E SAS113501 2010 Berkeley electronic press bepress: the new standard in scholarly publishing. 1 [Berkeley, Calif.] : cau expenditure \$### NDI3169 NERL USD \$### CUL 10

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